



Upcoming Dates

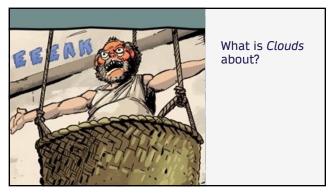
- Monday, November 17
 Clouds Essay Due
- Monday, December 8
 Images Essay Due
- Sunday, November 16
 Responses for Week 12 Due

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Four things today

- Philip and Alexander
- Alexander's conquests
- Cultural synthesis
- The Hellenistic East

















Alexander's youth

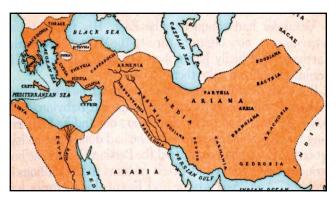
- Philip had multiple wives and sons
 Choosing Alexander worsened rivalries between mothers and tribes
- Educated to think and strategize as a Greek
 Trained by Aristotle

- Philip intended a transition and an evolution
 from barbarian king (himself) to the ideal king (Alexander)
 From Macedon's barbarian past to its evolved and civilized future

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King of Asia

- Destroys Persepolis and makes Babylon his capital as "King of Asia"
- Sets about trying to merge Greek, Mesopotamian, and Egyptian achievements and culture
- Alexander's goal is to create the ultimate civilization

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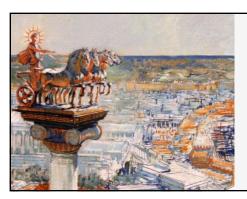
"To the strongest"

- Dies unexpectedly of illness at 32 years old
- Planned heir not yet born
- Supposedly answered "to the strongest"
- Death launches years of wars between Alexander's generals to control parts of his empire

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The Hellenistic East





The Cosmopolis

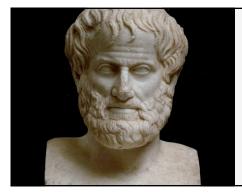
- No longer limited by the horizon
- Sense of connectedness between great cities of different Hellenistic lands
- Drive to share and develop ideas and innovations

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Alexandria

- Not just storage of information
- Catalyzing new ideas through discussion and diversity



Hellenistic philosophy

- Aristotle
- Applied
 reasoning,
 systematic
 Taught Alexander

- Greatly influential on Romans

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Technology

- New knowledge creates new possibilities
- Siege of Syracuse
- Invaders held off by the inventions and ingenuity of Archimedes

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